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## Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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# The Bay of the Portillo.

[AIR-LOVE BEAR]

With weeping and with laughter

How the true and true one

Gaind portillo lined with gold.

John Wobson and his daughter

By their empty pockets were;

Should you exist no more;

By their empty pockets were;

And named a certain day

When David's name—the tale thus ran—

Would have been brought to bay.

With weeping, &c.

Next day—out spoke Lily—

Mac, you're no satisfaction here!

Before to-morrow's sun goes down

You'll be cooped upon the middle.

There'll be chosen our great people,

The wisest of the land—

John Wobson shall be premier—

Now—do you mind—

With weeping, &c.

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In a voice both firm and clear;

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# Harbours of British Columbia.

[From the London Times, Nov. 20.]

In estimating the significance of the Award

which gives the Island of San Juan to the

United States, it is important to bear in mind

what are the principal harbours of British

Columbia. There are four demanding notice

on the coast of Vancouver, the Strait of

Equinox, Nanaimo, and Barclay Sound.

The harbour of Victoria derives its importance

from the fact that Victoria, the capital of

British Columbia, is built at its head. This

town is but eighteen miles from the island of

San Juan, which island is also less than seven

miles from a part of the shore of Vancouver

Island. The entrance to Victoria harbour is

shoal, narrow, and intricate. It would

appear that it would have been much better

if the capital had been built at Esquimalt

harbour, in the immediate vicinity. That is

a commodious and beautiful port, while

Victoria is small, and difficult of access. The

harbour of Esquimalt is considered the best

harbour on the Pacific coast north of San

Francisco. It is well lighted, and may be

entered with facility either by day or by

night, in case of stormy weather. It is the

Canadian harbour at which the Pacific

Equinox is built, and is situated, in a

boy or cove inside the harbour, sheltered and

not exposed to be attacked by an

enemy. Esquimalt is the first harbour

reached by vessels from the Pacific after its

entrance into the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Free water communication is maintained with

the harbours of Victoria and Esquimalt by

means of a canal of about 7500 ft. wide.

A canal cut through this would connect the

navigable waters of the two harbours, and

the result would be a great benefit to the

commerce of the coast. The canal is now

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# One Week's Later English Mail.

[From the London Times, Nov. 20.]

Mr. Bright had addressed to some

extent to the House of Commons, and had

expressed his opinion on political affairs, ex-

cept in Parliament—chiefly on the ground

that his visit to that city was of a non-political

character.

An attempt to get up a public demonstra-

tion in Trafalgar Square, by way of asserting

the right of the people to meet in Hyde Park

and to get up some sympathy for Mr. Ogle

and his friends, was so disheartening that the

whole proceedings, speeches included, were

said to have occupied only a quarter of an

hour.

Some time ago the attention of the War



